

Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting

August 21, 2019

The regular meeting of the Cultural Affairs Committee was called to order at the New Port Richey Recreation & Aquatic Center at 6:30pm on Wednesday, August 21, 2019. Board Members Richard Melton, Ruth Ann Jackson, Kelly Smallwood, Gina DiGregorio, and staff liaisons Chris Bornfleth and Elaine Smith were in attendance. Potential Members Anna Mae McNally & Brian Cartwright, Charles (Economic Development), Councilman Chopper Davis, and Jeffrey DiSantis attended as guests.

VOX POP:

- No Items.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- The Minutes from the July 17 meeting were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Grant Applications/Recommendations – Grants may be sought for opening a Children’s and/or a Cultural Museum. Discussion and questions amongst the members ensued. CAC members were hesitant about making a recommendation before knowing if City Council would be supportive of it. Therefore, they asked for a Work Session to be scheduled. Recommendation of which grants to apply for was tabled until after a Work Session can be held.
- Holiday Window Decorating Contests (2019) – Sponsorships? Ruth Ann stated that Main Street is taking on the project. The funds for the prize money (\$600) would be provided from the CAC for the next budget year *(recommendation during September, 2019 meeting for Main Street to be given the \$).
- Annual Report – August 6th City Council Meeting – Rich presented to City Council past year, current, and future CAC projects. Chopper stated that the Boards and Committees are important; they do the work and inform City Council of what they’re doing.

- Sculpture Walk – A question came up about the status of this project. Chris just received 3 quotes for the sculpture bases. There were some questions and discussion about damages that may occur with artist installation and removal of their sculptures. The Public Works department should be able to repair the sculpture bases between sculpture installations every 18 months. A Call for Artists can go out after everything has been approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Welcome New CAC Member – Anna Mae was not on the City Council Agenda on August 20th to be approved. She will be on the September 3rd City Council Meeting Agenda, but is unable to attend as she will be out of town.
- Guest – Joan Hepsworth – Request for Funding – A copy of the summary of the Pasco Pride event was distributed. Joan explained each part of the event – featuring a one-time showing of the documentary film “The Lavender Scare”, a book written by USF Professor David K Johnson, at the Richey Suncoast Theatre during Pasco Pride Week at the beginning of October, 2019. A summary of the request for assistance of funding the event was also distributed: (\$500 = Half of the Theatre rental to show the movie, \$625 = Licensing Rights to show the movie, plus \$30 to ship the DVD, and \$500 = Advertising & Promotional materials; \$1,655 Total amount requested. The CAC made a recommendation to approve the funding from the current budget for the total amount of \$1,655.00 requested. Elaine said she would propose to have the request added to the September 3rd Council Meeting Agenda.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gina DiGregorio, Secretary